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- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- _ A Request for Extension of Time.

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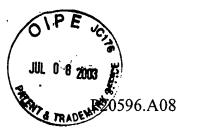
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In response to the Final Official Action dated April 8, 2003, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on July 8, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection in view of the herein contained remarks.

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the detailed Final Official Action provided and for the acknowledgment of Applicants' Claim for Priority and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents in the Official Action.